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W YORK CITY has the great anusement resort in the world in its Copey Island, which stands unchallenged as the most wonderful example he development of the modern idea popular attractions presented at rendering them available to all Coney Island is unique in terpects, but it was the fire the world where first class at were ever opened to the palan admission price of ter vents itractions have steadily improved ity at Coney, but the price to bey has not always been the resort

day, its earlier history was not with that makes cities great or the development of good citi-Twenty years ago there and can be credited to a new distinction is merited. when of amusement producers lave selected Coney Island as a

"bally of the visit for weeks The only amusement The enthusiasm is war- fered by their presence kholders, anted for at Coney Island can be seen places, and the halls w

sults possible by the scientific applicaows there, ten cent shows, but tion of electricity to art. The famous are not characterized by any White City, Chicago World's Fair, afto elevate the public or amuse forded a splendid speciacle, the Buffalo the classes. At one time it was Exposition marked another advance, a tough resort where crooks but at Luna Park and at Dreamland additically it was the rotten the builders have brought the art of lituskiyu's many disgraceful electrical illumination to the highest the public and an improved degree of persection it ever has known. sent is largely responsible Combined, they have been classed as that have been wrought, the eighth wonder of the world, and the

When Luna Park was built it was said it never would pay its owners, and the undertaking was certainly a great and the Courts have assisted in risk as it involved the expenditure of like for several great conflagra nearly two million dollars before a wiped out the worst section of single ceut was paid in at the gate. But ace, and the courts sent corrupt the people came and Luna Park has officials, who aided in the corrup- been made bigger every season, and it of the place, to Sing Sing. But all has created a new standard in the and all the courts could not amusement world. When the builders scomplished as much as Thomp of Dreamland announced their inten-Park's gates to the public, and resort, almost at Luna Park's doors, example in producing attractions persons, who thought they knew, said

the most complete example of the re-

a Dandy wrought when they open- tion to build another great amusement Park and in Dreamland there has never pear in its best light. been an attraction offered for public. The greatest spectacle of modern given.

shows had prospered. The clean at- that is too important to be ignored, men and children. The fire fighting force tractions have made good, and the pub. The conceptions of genius have found was led by one of the most famous of lie has been awakened to the opinion an opportunity at Coney Island, and art New York's fire chiefs, and under his that clean attractions of real artistic and science have been called upon with charge a body of trained athletes gave merit were what they wanted. In Luna lavish hands to make every detail ap- the most realistic and spectacular per-

favor that depended on a questionable times was probably the Indian Durbar While Thompson & Dundy's Luna there was no room for two great places feature to paying proposition at Delhi, when the wealth and splen- by allowing the dors of the Empire of India was their work in the reformation of Coney strated that there is no limit to mg Com- but no regular course. love of marched in review in honor of the cor- Island, their efforts would have been a place where many people respect, for these two greatenty, with \$10, can be undertaken. He to Fed onation of King Edward. Thompson seriously impeded if it had not been for were careful to refrain from have paid dividends that C. H. Norton, instruct on Saturdays any wh. and Dundy realized the universal in- the presence of the number of attracthe fact, it is now a place fabulous, and they have riest Frazier, of disposed to enter under the ederest in this event and at Luna Park tions covering a somewhat smaller the everybody goes and talks en- up a number of minor at S. Henry, of Mar- tions. Of course, he would glad sented a copy of the spectacle which space, but embodying all of the elements give regular teachers' training wor completeness in every detail and of novelty and ingenuity that characof the artistic world and elicited Park or Dreamland.

delighted people who nightly filled a vast amphitheatre devoted to the spectacle.

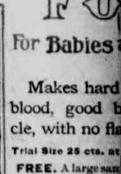
Just what this feature of one season at Luna Park cost its producers may never be known, but they made it pay and constantly improved and elaborated it during the seasons its was produced. Attractions on the order of "Creation" and "The Deluge" cost a small fortune, and the original production of "Fighting the Flames" required the services of a regiment of men, woformance of its kind that was even

Principal among these attractions is land. Mr. Austen is applause from hundreds of thousands of Mr. E. J. Austen's "Johnstown Flood," among amusement which has been one of the real features present generation. of Coney Island for several seasons, out that wonderful a It was first produced at the Buffalo Exposition and later removed to Coney Is-

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